

Application Serial No. 10/719,101
Amendment dated December 2, 2004
Reply to Office Action dated September 29, 2004

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following amended paragraph:

[0010] Advantageously, in applications in which the gasket is not used for a pipe joint, the closed end face of the gasket remains intact, such that the need for a separate end cap for closing the gasket is eliminated. When the gasket is used for a pipe joint, the end face of the gasket may be easily slit or cut away from the remainder of the gasket to create [[and]] an opening through which a pipe may pass through the gasket. A further advantage is that, because a fluid tight seal is formed by compression of the sealing projection of the gasket between the pipe and the body of the gasket, separate clamping bands are not required to provide a seal between the pipe and the gasket.

Please replace paragraph [0052] with the following amended paragraph:

[0052] As described below, gasket 82 may advantageously be used to provide a fluid tight seal not only with pipe 14a of a relatively smaller outer diameter, but also with a second pipe 14b having an outer diameter which is larger than that of pipe 14a. Referring to Fig. 10, gasket 82 is embedded within concrete structure 10 in the same manner as described above with respect to gasket 12. Thereafter, wall 30 of gasket 82 is removed from the remainder of gasket 82 by cutting with a suitable tool around the perimeter 74 of wall 30. Alternatively, wall 30 may be slit as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. In applications in which gasket is used with pipe 14b, sealing projection 38 is maintained in its first stable position, and is not folded to its second stable position. As shown in Fig. 10, in this position, sealing portion [[82]] 84 of gasket 82 projects radially inwardly from body 20 of gasket 82 further than does sealing projection 38, such that sealing portion 84 provides a seal with pipe 14b, as opposed to sealing projection 38.

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Please replace paragraph [0053] with the following amended paragraph:

[0053] Thereafter, pipe 14b is inserted through gasket 82 while maintaining sealing projection 38 of gasket 82 in its first stable position. One exemplary pipe 14b has an outer diameter of about $4.5 \pm .01$ inches, which is a size of pipe currently commonly available from many commercial sources. For use with this size of pipe, the diameter D_1 (Fig. 7) of gasket 82 is typically about 4.392 inches. However, gasket 82 may also be dimensioned for use with other known pipe sizes, such as pipes having outer diameters of about 6, 8, 10, and 12 inches, for example. Upon insertion of pipe 14b into gasket 82 as shown in Fig. 10, outer surface 18 of pipe 14b engages sealing portion 84 of gasket 82, thereby radially compressing sealing portion ~~[[82]]~~ 84 between outer surface 18 of pipe 14b and concrete structure 10 to provide a compressive, fluid tight seal between pipe 14b and structure 10.